

Application No. 09/543,663
Preliminary Amendment Dated October 26, 2007
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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the amended claims and the arguments set forth full below. On October 26, 2007, Examiner Vanel Frenel contacted the undersigned by telephone to discuss proposed Examiner Amendments to the independent claims 1, 7 and 22. Currently, claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-11 and 22-31 are pending. The above amendments reflect the suggested Examiner's amendments, and the Examiner has indicated by making these amendments that the claims are allowable over the currently cited prior art.

For these reasons, applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (414)271-7590 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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